SENTENCE REVIEW DIVISION OF THE SUPREME COURT OF MONTANA Montana Second Judicial District Court, County of Silver Bow

STATE OF MONTANA,)	
Plaintiff,)	
)	CAUSE NO. DC-18-140
ERIK ROBERT HUNT,)	DECISION
EKIK KOBEKI HONI,)	
Defendant.)	

On December 12, 2018, the District Court sentenced the Defendant to the Montana State Prison for a term of ten (10) years, with five (5) of those years suspended, for the offense of Count I: Theft, a Felony, in violation of §45-6-301, MCA 2017. The Court ordered the sentence to run consecutively with the sentence imposed in DC-18-128. The Court granted credit for time served in the amount of 218 days.

On May 2, 2019, the Defendant's Application for review of that sentence was heard by the Sentence Review Division of the Montana Supreme Court (hereafter "the Division"). The Defendant appeared by video conferencing from the Crossroads Correctional Center and was represented by Brent Getty of the Office of the State Public Defender. The State was not represented.

Before hearing the Application, the Defendant was advised that the Division has the authority not only to reduce the sentence or affirm it, but also increase it. The Defendant was further advised that there is no appeal from a decision of the Division. The Defendant acknowledged that he understood this and stated that he wished to proceed.

Rule 12, Rules of the Sentence Review Division of the Supreme Court of Montana, provides that, "The sentence imposed by the District Court is presumed correct. The sentence shall not be reduced or increased unless it is clearly inadequate or clearly excessive." (Section 46-18-904(3), MCA).

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The Division finds that the reasons advanced for modification are insufficient to hold that the sentence imposed by the District Court is clearly inadequate or clearly excessive.

Therefore, it is the unanimous decision of the Division that the sentence is **AFFIRMED**.

Done in open Court this 2nd day of May, 2019.

DATED this day of , 2019.

SENTENCE REVIEW DIVISION

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Hon. Dan Wilson, Member

Hon. Luke Berger, Member

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